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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97(b), the Examiner is hereby respectfully advised that the references listed on the attached sheet have come to the attention of Applicant and are being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. Applicant has identified the references on the PTO-1449 form attached hereto. Copies of the listed references are also included.

It is Applicant's opinion that the claims presently on file patentably distinguish the present invention from these references. The listed references are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which anticipate the invention or which would render the invention obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Applicant respectfully requests that the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application.

In the event a first Office Action on the merits has been mailed in the above-identified application prior to the Certificate of Mailing date set forth above, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. A duplicate copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for this purpose.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, he or she should not hesitate to contact the undersigned attorney at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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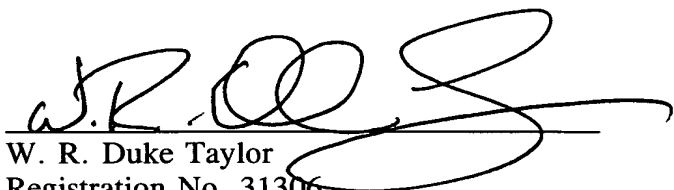
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